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2			SICK LEAVE
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4	11.1	Sick	Leave Accrual
5		Emp	loyees will accrue eight (8) hour of sick leave per month under the following
6		cond	itions:
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8		A.	Employees working less than a full-time schedule will accrue sick leave
9			credit on the same proportional basis that their employment schedule bears
10			to a full-time schedule.
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12		В.	Sick leave credit will not accrue during leave without pay which exceeds
13			ten (10) working days in any calendar month.
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15		C.	Sick leave accruals for the prior calendar month will be credited and
16			available for employee use the first of the next calendar month.
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18	11.2	Sick	Leave Use
19		Sick	leave may be used for:
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21		A.	A personal illness, injury or medical disability that prevents the employee
22			from performing his or her job, or personal medical or dental
23			appointments.
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25		B.	Care of family members as required by the Family Care Act, WAC 296-
26			130.
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28		C.	A death of any relative that requires the employee's absence from work.
29			Relatives are defined for this purpose as spouse, significant other,
30			domestic partner, son, daughter, grandchild, foster child, son-in-law,
31			daughter-in-law, grandparent, parent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece,

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		relatives of employee's spouse, significant other or domestic partner.
	D.	Childcare emergencies after the employee has exhausted all his or her accrued compensatory time. Use of sick leave and vacation leave for emergency childcare is limited to a combined maximum of four (4) days per calendar year.
	E.	To care for a child under the age of eighteen (18) with a health condition
		that requires treatment or supervision, or to make arrangements for extended care.
	F.	Illness or preventive health care appointments of relatives, significant others and domestic partners when the presence of the employee is required.

Leave Purposes

The Employer may allow an employee who has used all of his or her sick leave to use compensatory time, vacation leave or all of a personal holiday for sick leave purposes as provided in Article 11.2 A. An employee who has used all of his or her sick leave may use compensatory time, vacation leave or all of a personal holiday for sick leave purposes as provided in Article 11.2 B - F.

11.4 **Restoration of Vacation Leave**

In the event an employee is injured or becomes ill while on vacation leave, the employee may submit a written request to use sick leave and have the equivalent amount of vacation leave restored. The supervisor may require a written medical certificate.

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An employee must promptly notify his or her supervisor on his or her first day of sick leave and each day after, unless there is mutual agreement to do otherwise. If an employee is in a position where a relief replacement is necessary if he or she is absent, he or she will notify his or her supervisor at least two (2) hours prior to his or her scheduled time to report to work. If the Employer suspects abuse, the Employer may require a written medical certificate for any sick leave absence. An employee returning to work after any sick leave absence may be required to provide written certification from his or her health care provider that the employee is able to return to work and perform the essential functions of the job with or without reasonable accommodation.

11.6 Sick Leave Annual Cash Out

Each January employees are eligible to receive cash on a one (1) hour for four (4) hours basis for ninety-six (96) hours or less of their accrued sick leave, if:

A. Their sick leave balance at the end of the previous calendar year exceeds four hundred and eighty (480) hours;

B. The converted sick leave hours do not reduce their previous calendar year sick leave balance below four hundred and eighty (480) hours; and

C. They notify their payroll office by January 31st that they would like to convert their sick leave hours earned during the previous calendar year, minus any sick leave hours used during the previous year, to cash.

All converted hours will be deducted from the employee's sick leave balance.

11.7 Sick Leave Separation Cash Out

At the time of retirement from state service or at death, an eligible employee or the employee's estate will receive cash for his or her compensable sick leave

Tentative Agreement August 2, 2006 Page 4 of 4 1 balance on a one (1) hour for four (4) hours basis. For the purposes of this 2 Section, retirement will not include "vested out of service" employees who leave 3 funds on deposit with the retirement system. 4 5 11.8 Reemployment 6 Former state employees who are re-employed within five (5) years of leaving state service will be granted all unused and unpaid sick leave credits they had at 7 8 separation. If an employee is reemployed after retiring from state service, when 9 the employee subsequently retires or dies, only unused sick leave accrued since 10 the date of reemployment minus sick leave taken within the same period will be 11 eligible for sick leave separation cash out, in accordance with 11.7 above. 12 13 11.9 **Carry Forward and Transfer** 14 Employees will be allowed to carry forward, from year to year of service, any 15 unused sick leave allowed under this provision, and will retain and carry forward 16 any unused sick leave accumulated prior to the effective date of this Agreement. 17 When an employee moves from one college to another, without a break in service, 18 the employee's accrued sick leave will be transferred to the new college or agency 19 for the employee's use. 20 21 22 For Union: For Employer: 23 Date 24 25

ARTICLE 12 SHARED LEAVE

12.1 Shared Leave

The purpose of the leave sharing program is to permit state employees, at no significantly increased cost to the state, of providing leave to come to the aid of another state employee who has been called to service in the uniformed services, or who is suffering from or has a relative or household member suffering from an extraordinary or severe illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition, which has caused or is likely to cause the employee to take leave without pay or terminate his or her employment. For purposes of the leave sharing program, the following definitions apply:

- A. "Employee's relative" normally will be limited to the employee's spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, grandparent, or parent.
- B. "Household members" is defined as persons who reside in the same home who have reciprocal duties to and do provide financial support for one another. This term will include, but is not limited to, foster children and legal wards. The term does not include persons sharing the same general house when the living style is primarily that of a dormitory or commune.
- C. "Severe" or "extraordinary" condition is defined as serious or extreme and/or life threatening.
- D. "Service in the uniformed services" means the performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service under competent authority and includes active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time national guard duty including state-ordered active duty, and a period for which a person is absent from a position of employment for the purpose of an examination

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to determine the fitness of the person to perform any such duty.

E. "Uniformed services" means the armed forces, the army national guard, and the air national guard of any state, territory, commonwealth, possession, or district when engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time national guard duty, or state active duty, the commissioned corps of the public health service, the coast guard, and any other category of persons designated by the President of the United States in time of war or national emergency.

12.2 Shared Leave Receipt

- A. An employee may be eligible to receive shared leave if the Employer has determined the employee meets the following criteria:
 - 1. The employee suffers from, or has a relative or household member suffering from, an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition which is of an extraordinary or severe nature; or-
 - 2. The employee has been called to service in the uniformed services.
- B. The illness, injury, impairment, condition, or call to service has caused, or is likely to cause, the employee to:
 - 1. Go on leave without pay status; or
 - 2. Terminate state employment.
- C. The employee's absence and the use of shared leave are justified.
- D. The employee has depleted or will shortly deplete his or her:

- 1. Vacation leave and sick leave reserves if the employee qualifies under Subsection 12.2.A.1, above; or
- Vacation leave and paid military leave allowed under RCW 38.40.060 if the employee qualifies under Subsection 12.2,A.2, above.
- E. The employee has abided by institution rules regarding:
 - 1. Sick leave use if the employee qualifies under Subsection 12.2.A.1, above of this section; or
 - 2. Military leave if the employee qualifies under Subsection 12.2A.2, above.
- F. The employee has diligently pursued and been found to be ineligible for benefits under RCW 51.32 if the employee qualifies under Subsection 12.2.A.1, above.

12.3 Shared Leave Use

- A. The Employer will determine the amount of leave, if any, which an employee may receive. However, an employee will not receive more than two hundred sixty-one (261) days of shared leave.
- B. The Employer will require the employee to submit, prior to approval or disapproval, a medical certificate from a licensed physician or health care practitioner verifying the employee's required absence, the description of the medical problem, and expected date of return-to-work status. The Employer will require the employee to submit, prior to approval or disapproval, a copy of the military orders verifying the employee's required absence.

- C. The Employer should consider other methods of accommodating the employee's needs, such as modified duty, modified hours, flex-time or special assignments in lieu of shared leave usage.
- D. Leave transferred may be transferred from employees of one district to an employee of the same district or, with the approval of the heads of both state agencies/higher education institutions, to an employee of another state agency/higher education institution.
- E. Vacation leave, sick leave, or all or part of a personal holiday transferred from a donating employee will be used solely for the purpose stated in this Article.
- F. The receiving employee will be paid his or her regular rate of pay; therefore, the value of one (1) hour of shared leave may cover more or less than one (1) hour of the recipient's salary.

12.4 Leave Donation

An employee may donate vacation leave, sick leave, or personal holiday to another employee for purposes of the leave sharing program under the following conditions:

- A. The Employer approves the employee's request to donate a specified amount of vacation leave to an employee authorized to receive shared leave; and
 - 1. The full-time employee's request to donate leave will not cause his or her vacation leave balance to fall below eighty (80) hours. For part-time employees, requirements for vacation leave balances will be prorated; and

- 2. Employees may not donate excess vacation leave that they would not be able to take due to an approaching anniversary date; except when the request for leave was denied and the leave was deferred.
- B. The Employer approves the employee's request to donate a specified amount of sick leave to an employee authorized to receive shared leave.

 The employee's request to donate leave will not cause his or her sick leave balance to fall below one hundred seventy-six (176) hours after the transfer.
- C. The Employer approves the employee's request to donate all or part of his or her personal holiday to an employee authorized to receive shared leave.
 - 1. That portion of a personal holiday that is accrued, donated as shared leave, and then returned during the same calendar year to the donating employee, may be taken by the donating employee.
 - 2. An employee will be allowed to split the personal holiday only when donating a portion of the personal holiday to the shared leave program.
- D. No employee may be intimidated, threatened, or coerced into donating leave for purposes of this program.

12.5 Shared Leave Administration

A. The calculation of the recipient's leave value will be in accordance with applicable Office of Financial Management policies, regulations, and procedures. The leave received will be coded as shared leave and be maintained separately from all other leave balances. All compensatory time, sick leave, and vacation leave accrued must be used prior to using

shared leave when the employee qualifies for shared leave. Accrued vacation leave and paid military leave allowed under RCW 38.40.060 must be used prior to using shared leave for employees qualified under Section 12.2. of this Article.

- B. An employee on leave transferred under these rules will continue to be classified as a state employee and will receive the same treatment in respect to salary, wages, and employee benefits as the employee would normally receive if using accrued vacation leave or sick leave.
- C. All salary and wage payments made to employees while on leave transferred under these rules will be made by the agency/institution employing the person receiving the leave.
- D. Where Employers have approved the transfer of leave by an employee of one agency/institution to an employee of another agency/institution, the agencies/institutions involved will arrange for the transfer of funds and credit for the appropriate value of leave in accordance with Office of Financial Management policies, regulations, and procedures.
- E. Leave transferred under this Section will not be used in any calculation to determine an agency's/institution's allocation of full-time equivalent staff positions.
- F. Any shared leave not used by the recipient will be returned to the donor(s). The remaining shared leave is to be divided on a pro rata basis among the donors and reinstated to the respective donors' appropriate leave balances based upon each employee's current salary rate at the time of the reversion. The shared leave returned will be prorated back based on the donor's original donation.
- G. Unused shared leave may not be cashed out but will be returned to the donors per Subsection F, above.

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- H. An employee who uses leave that is transferred under this Section will not be required to repay the value of the leave that he or she used.
- 12.6 This Article is grievable only through Step 3 of the grievance process in Article 28, except at The Evergreen State College, where it may be grieved through Step 2.

For Union:

For Employer:

Date

Date

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ARTICLE 13

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2				FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE
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4	13.1			
5		A.	Cons	sistent with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993
6			(FM	LA) and the state Family and Medical Leave Act of 2006, ar
7		:	emp	oyee who has worked for the state for at least twelve (12) months and
8			for a	t least one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) hours during the twelve
9			(12)	months prior to the requested leave is entitled to up to twelve (12)
0			work	tweeks of FMLA leave in a twelve (12) month period for any
.1			com	bination of the following:
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3			1.	Parental leave for the birth and to care for a newborn child, or
4				placement for adoption or foster care of a child and to care for that
5				child; or
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7			2.	Personal medical leave due to the employee's own serious health
8				condition that requires the employee's absence from work; or
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20			3.	Family medical leave to care for a spouse, son, daughter, parent or
21				domestic partner as defined by WAC 182-12-260 (2) who suffers
22				from a serious health condition that requires on-site care or
23				supervision by the employee. Son or daughter means a biological
24		,	•	adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a
25			٠	person standing in loco parentis, who is either under age eighteer
26				(18), or age eighteen (18) or older and incapable of self-care
27				because of a mental or physical disability. Parent means a
28				biological parent or an individual who stands or stood in local

parentis to an employee when the employee was a son or daughter.

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B. Entitlement to FMLA leave for the care of a newborn child or newly adopted or foster child ends twelve (12) months from the date of birth or the placement of the foster or adopted child.

C. The one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) hour eligibility requirement noted above does not count paid time off such as time used as vacation leave, sick leave, personal holidays, compensatory time off, or shared leave.

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13.2 The twelve (12) week FMLA leave entitlement is available to the employee, provided that eligibility requirements listed in Section 13.1 are met. The FMLA leave entitlement period will be a rolling twelve (12) month period measured forward from the date an employee begins FMLA leave. Each time an employee takes FMLA leave during the twelve (12) month period, the leave will be subtracted from the twelve (12) weeks of available leave.

13.3 The Employer will continue the employee's existing employer-paid health insurance benefits during the period of leave covered by FMLA. The employee will be required to pay his or her share of health care premiums. The Employer may require an employee to exhaust all paid leave prior to using any leave without pay, except that the employee will be allowed to use eight (8) hours a month of accrued leave during each month to provide for the continuation of benefits as provided for by PEBB.

13.4 The Employer has the authority to designate absences that meet the criteria of the FMLA. The use of any paid or unpaid leave (excluding leave for a compensable work-related illness or injury and compensatory time) for an FMLA-qualifying event will run concurrently with, not in addition to, the use of the FMLA for that event. Employees will not be required to exhaust all paid leave prior to using any leave without pay for a compensable work-related injury or illness.

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13.5 Parental and Pregnancy Disability Leave

- A. Parental leave will be granted to the employee for the purpose of bonding with his or her natural newborn, adoptive or foster child. Parental leave may extend up to six (6) months, including time covered by the FMLA, during the first year after the child's birth or placement. Leave beyond the period covered by the FMLA and pregnancy disability may only be denied by the Employer due to operational necessity. Such denial may be grieved beginning at the top internal step of the grievance procedure in Article 28.
- B. Parental leave may be a combination of the employee's accrued vacation leave, sick leave for pregnancy disability or other qualifying events, personal holiday, compensatory time, or leave without pay. Parental leave may be taken on an intermittent or reduced schedule basis in accordance with Subsection 13.5.A.
- C. Pregnancy disability leave will be granted for the period of time an employee is sick or temporarily disabled because of pregnancy and/or childbirth and will be in addition to the twelve (12) weeks of FMLA leave.
- 13.6 Serious health condition leave consistent with the requirements of the FMLA will be granted to an employee in order to care for a spouse, son, daughter, parent or domestic partner as defined by WAC 182-12-260 (2) who suffers from a serious medical condition that requires on-site care or supervision by the employee. Personal medical leave consistent with the requirements of the FMLA will be granted to an employee for his or her own serious health condition that requires the employee's absence from work. The Employer may require that such personal medical leave or serious health condition leave be supported by certification from the employee's or family member's health care provider.

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1	Page 4		health condition leave covered by the FMLA	
2		may be taken intermittently or or	a reduced schedule basis when certified as	
3		medically necessary.		
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5	13.8	Upon returning to work after the	employee's own FMLA-qualifying illness, the	
6	-	employee may be required to prov	ide a fitness for duty certificate from a health	
7		care provider.		
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9	13.9	The employee will provide the E	mployer with not less than thirty (30) days'	
10		notice before the FMLA leave	is to begin. If the need for the leave is	
11	-	unforeseeable thirty (30) days in	dvance, then the employee will provide such	
12		notice when feasible.		
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14	13.10	An employee returning from FMI	A leave will have return rights in accordance	
15		with FMLA.		
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17	13.11		his Agreement will prevent an employee from	
18		filing a complaint regarding FM	ILA with the Department of Labor or the	
19		Department or Labor and Industries	3.	
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ARTICLE 14

WORK-RELATED INJURY OR ILLNESS

Compensable Work-Related Injury or Illness Leave

An employee who sustains a work-related illness or injury that is compensable under the state workers' compensation law may select time-loss compensation exclusively or leave payments in addition to time-loss compensation. Employees who take sick leave during a period in which they receive time-loss compensation will receive full sick leave pay, minus any time-loss benefits. Employees who take vacation leave or compensatory time during a period in which they receive time-loss compensation will receive full vacation leave or compensatory time pay in addition to any time-loss payments. Notwithstanding Section 17.1, of Article 17, Leave Without Pay, the Employer may separate an employee in accordance with Article 32, Reasonable Accommodation and Disability Separation.

For Union:

For Employer:

Date 5/24/06

Date

ARTICLE 15 1 SUSPENDED OPERATIONS 2 3 If the Chief Executive Officer or designee of the institution determines that the 4 15.1 5 public health, property or safety is jeopardized and it is advisable due to emergency conditions to suspend the operation of all or any portion of the 6 institution, the following will govern employees: 7 A. Employees scheduled and not required to work during the disruption will have 9 no loss in pay for the first day. 10 11 12 B. The following options will be made available to the affected employees who are not required to work for the balance of the closure: 13 Vacation leave, personal holiday; or 14 1. 15 Accrued compensatory time (where applicable); or 16 2. 17 18 3. Leave without pay; or 19 Employee-requested schedule changes in accordance with Article 6.3F 4. 20 and 6.8F and G. 21 C. Employees required to work during the disruption will receive one and one-22 half (1-1/2) times their regular pay for work performed during the period of 23 Overtime worked during the closure will be suspended operation. 24 compensated according to Article 7, Overtime, of this Agreement. 25 26 The options listed in Subsection 15.1B, above, will be made available to 27 15.2 employees who are unable to report to work due to severe inclement weather. 28 29 For Employer: For Union: 30 31 32 Eurly Hersher

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16.1 Bereavement Leave

Up to three (3) days of paid bereavement leave will be granted for the death of any family member or household member that requires the employee's absence from work. Family members are defined for this purpose as mother, father, sister, brother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, spouse, grandparent, grandchild, son, daughter, stepchild, and a child in the custody of and residing in the home of an employee.

16.2 Jury Duty Leave

Leave of absence with pay will be granted to employees for jury duty. An employee will be allowed to retain any compensation paid to him or her for his or her jury duty service. An employee will inform the Employer when notified of a jury summons and will cooperate in requesting a postponement of service if warranted by business demands. An employee whose work shift is other than a day shift will be considered to have worked a full work shift for each workday during the period of jury duty. If a day shift employee is released from jury duty and there are more than two (2) hours remaining on his or her work shift, the employee will call his or her supervisor and may be required to return to work.

16.3 Personal Leave

A. An employee may choose one (1) workday as a personal leave day during the life of this Agreement if the employee has been continuously employed by the college/district for more than four (4) months.

B. The college/district will release the employee from work on the day selected for personal leave if:

Page 2 of 2 The employee has given at least fourteen (14) calendar days' 1. 2 written notice to the supervisor. However, the supervisor has the 3 discretion to allow a shorter notice period. 4 5 2. The number of employees choosing a specific day off allows a 6 college/district to continue its work efficiently and not incur 7 overtime. 8 9 C. Personal leave may not be carried over. 10 Personal leave is pro-rated for less than full-time employees. 11 D. 12 13 E. The pay for a full-time employee's personal leave day is eight (8) hours. 14 F. 15 Personal leave may be used to care for family members as required by the 16 Family Care Act, WAC 296-130. 17 This provision will expire with the expiration of the 2007-2009 18 19 Agreement. 20 21 16.4 The Employer will not be responsible for per diem, travel expenses or overtime 22 under this Article. 23 For Union: 24 For Employer: 25 26 27 Date Date 28 29

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ARTICLE 17 LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

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17.1	without pay will be granted for the following reasons:	
	A.	Family and medical leave (Article 13)
•	В.	Compensable work-related injury or illness leave (Article 14)
	C.	Military leave
	D.	Cyclic employment
17.2	Leave	e without pay may be granted for the following reasons:
	A.	Educational leave
	В.	Child or elder care emergencies
	C .	Governmental service leave
	D.	Citizen volunteer or community service leave
•	E.	Conditions applicable for leave with pay
	F.	Union Activities (Article 38)
	G.	Formal collective bargaining leave

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As otherwise provided for in this Agreement

17.3 Limitations

Leave without pay will be limited to twelve (12) months or fewer in any consecutive five (5) year period, except for:

- A. Compensable work-related injury or illness leave;
- B. Educational leave;
- C. Governmental service leave;
- E. Military leave;
- E. Cyclic employment leave;
- F. Leave for serious health condition taken under the provisions of Article
 13, Family and Medical Leave;
- G. Leave taken voluntarily to reduce the effect of a layoff;
- H. Leave authorized in advance by an appointing authority as part of a plan to reasonably accommodate a person of disability; or
- I. Leave to participate in Union activities.

17.4 Returning Employee Rights

Employees returning from authorized leave without pay will be employed in the same position or in another position in the same job classification, as determined by the Employer, provided that such reemployment is not in conflict with other articles in this Agreement. The employee and the Employer may enter into a written agreement regarding return rights at the commencement of the leave.

17.5 Military Leave

In addition to fifteen (15) days of paid leave granted to employees for active duty or active duty training, unpaid military leave will be granted in accordance with RCW 38.40.060 and applicable federal law. Employees on military leave will be reinstated as provided in RCW 73.16 and applicable federal law.

17.6 Educational Leave

Leave without pay may be granted for educational leave for the duration of actual attendance in an educational program.

17.7 Child or Elder Care Emergencies

Leave without pay, compensatory time or paid leave may be granted for child or elder care emergencies.

17.8 Cyclic Employment Leave

Leave without pay will be granted to cyclic year employees during their offseason.

17.9 Governmental Service Leave

Leave without pay may be granted for government service in the public interest, including but not limited to the U.S. Public Health Service or Peace Corps leave.

17.10 Citizen Volunteer or Community Service Leave

Leave without pay may be granted for community volunteerism or service.

17.11 Formal Collective Bargaining Leave

Leave without pay may be granted to participate in formal collective bargaining sessions authorized by RCW 41.80.

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17.12 Requests for leave without pay will be submitted in writing. The Employer will approve or deny leave without pay requests, in writing, within fourteen (14) calendar days when practicable and will include the reason for denial.

For Union:

For Employer:

Date 5/24/00

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2		SAFETY AND HEALTH
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4	18.1	The Employer, Employee and Union have a significant responsibility for
5		workplace safety.
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7		A. The Employer will provide a work environment in accordance with safety
8		standards established by the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act
9		(WISHA).
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11		B. Employees will comply with all safety practices and standards established
12		by the Employer.
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14		C. The Union will work cooperatively with the Employer on safety related
15		matters and encourage employees to work in a safe manner.
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17	18.2	Employees will take an active role in creating a safe and healthy workplace by
18		reporting immediate safety issues to their supervisor(s), following the chain of
19		command, and other safety issues to their safety committee and/or safety officer
20		for review and action, as necessary. The Employer will address reported unsafe
21		working conditions and take appropriate action.
22 22	10.3	The Freedom will determine and appealed the required affects decises assessed
23	18.3	The Employer will determine and provide the required safety devices, personal
24 25		protective equipment and apparel, which employees will wear and/or use. If
25 26		necessary, training will be provided to employees on the safe operation of the
26 27		equipment prior to use.
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ARTICLE 18

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2	18.4	Each Employer will form joint safety con	nmittees, in accordance with WISHA
3		requirements, at each work location wh	here there are eleven (11) or more
4		employees. Meetings will be conducted	in accordance with WAC 296-800-
5		13020. Committee recommendations w	vill be forwarded to the appropriate
6		appointing authority for review and action,	as necessary.
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8	18.5	The Employer encourages employee wellne	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
9		employees access to wellness facilities and	resources consistent with other
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UNIFORMS, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT 2 3 4 19.1 Uniforms The Employer may require employees to wear uniforms. Where required, the 5 Employer will determine and provide the uniform or an equivalent clothing 6 The Employer will continue its current practices regarding the 7 provision and maintenance of required uniforms and specialized clothing and 8 footwear. 9 10 **Tools and Equipment** 11 19.2 As established by current practices, the Employer may determine and provide 12 necessary tools, tool allowance, equipment and foul weather gear. The Employer 13 will repair or replace employer-provided tools and equipment if damaged or worn 14 out beyond usefulness in the normal course of business. Employees are 15 accountable for equipment and/or tools assigned to them and will maintain them 16 in a clean and serviceable condition. 17 18 The Employer will make a reasonable effort to provide prior notice to employees 19 19.3 when assigning tasks that require clothing other than normal attire. 20 21 22 23 24 25 For Employer: 26 For Union: 27 28 Date 29

ARTICLE 19

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ARTICLE 20

2		DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE
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4	20.1	All employees must report to work in a condition fit to perform their assigned
5		duties unimpaired by alcohol or drugs. Each institution is required to comply
6		with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) and the Drug-Free
7		Schools and Campuses Regulations in order to be eligible for federal funding.
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9	20.2	Possession of Alcohol and Illegal Drugs
10		Employees may not use or possess alcohol while on duty, except when authorized
11		by the institution's policy. The possession or use of illegal drugs is strictly
12	•	prohibited.
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14	20.3	Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications
15		Employees taking physician-prescribed or over-the-counter medications, if there
16		is a substantial likelihood that such medication will affect job safety, must notify
17		their supervisor or other designated official of the fact that they are taking a
18		medication and the side effects of the medication.
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20	20.4	Drug and Alcohol Testing – Safety-Sensitive Functions
21		A. Employees required to have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) are
22		subject to pre-employment, post-accident, random and reasonable
23		suspicion testing in accordance with the U.S. Department of
24		Transportation rules, Coast Guard Regulations (46 CFR Part 16) or the
25		Federal Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991. The
26		testing will be conducted in accordance with current institution policy.
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28		B. In addition, employees who perform other safety-sensitive functions are
29		subject to pre-employment, post-accident, post-firearm shooting incidents
30		and reasonable suspicion testing. The testing will be conducted in

accordance with institution policy. For the purposes of this Article,

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employees who perform other safety-sensitive functions are those 1 positions where an employee is issued a firearm and those licensed health 2 care professionals who administer or dispense medications as a part of 3 4 their job duties. 5 Reasonable suspicion testing for alcohol or controlled substances may be C. 6 directed by the Employer for any employee performing safety-sensitive 7 functions when there is reason to suspect that alcohol or controlled 8 substance use may be adversely affecting the employee's job performance 9 or that the employee may present a danger to the physical safety of the 10 employee or another. Specific objective grounds must be stated in writing 11 that support the reasonable suspicion. Examples of specific objective 12 grounds include but are not limited to: 13 14 Physical symptoms consistent with controlled substance and/or 15 1. alcohol use; 16 17 Evidence or observation of controlled substance or alcohol use, 2. 18 19 possession, sale, or delivery; or 20 21 3. The occurrence of an accident(s) where a trained manager, supervisor or lead worker suspects controlled substance/alcohol 22 23 use may have been a factor. 24 25 D. Referral Referral for testing will be made on the basis of specific objective grounds 26 27 documented by a supervisor or manager who has attended the training on 28 detecting the signs/symptoms of being affected by controlled 29 substances/alcohol and verified by another trained supervisor or manager. 30

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20.5 Drug and Alcohol Test - Post-Accident

Post-accident drug and alcohol testing may be conducted by the Employer for any employee when a work-related incident has occurred involving death, serious bodily injury or significant property/environmental damage, or the potential for death, serious bodily injury, or significant property/environmental damage, and when the employee's action(s) or inaction(s) either contributed to the incident or cannot be completely discounted as a contributing factor. Referral for post-accident testing will be made in accordance with Subsection 20.4 D, above.

20.6 Testing

Employees must submit to alcohol and/or controlled substance testing when required by the Employer, in accordance with Sections 20.4 and 20.5, above. A refusal to test is considered the same as a positive test. When an employee is referred for testing, he or she will be removed immediately from duty and transported to the collection site. The cost of testing, including the employee's salary, will be paid by the Employer.

Testing will be conducted in such a way to ensure maximum accuracy and reliability by using the techniques, chain of custody procedures, equipment and laboratory facilities, which have been approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. An employee notified of a positive controlled substance or alcohol test result may request an independent test of his or her split sample at the employee's expense. If the test result is negative, the Employer will reimburse the employee for the cost of the split sample test.

An employee who has a positive alcohol test and/or a positive controlled substance test may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, based on the incident that prompted the testing, including a violation of the drug and alcohol free work place rules.

August 22, 2006 Page 4 of 4 1 20.7 **Training** Training will be made available to managers and supervisors. The training will 2 3 include: 4 The elements of the Employer's Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace 5 A. 6 Program; 7 B. The effects of drugs and alcohol in the workplace; 8 9 C. Behavioral symptoms of being affected by controlled substances and/or 10 11 alcohol; and 12 D. Rehabilitation services available. 13 14 15 For Union: For Employer: 16 17 18 19 20

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Page 1 of 1 **ARTICLE 21** 1 2 TRAVEL 3 Employees required to travel in order to perform their duties will be reimbursed for any 4 authorized travel expenses (e.g. mileage and/or per diem), in accordance with the 5 regulations established by the Office of Financial Management and institution policy. 6 8 For Employer: 9 -For Union: 10 11

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ARTICLE 22 1 COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION AND PARKING 2 3 The Employer will continue to encourage but not require employees to use 4 22.1 alternate means of transportation to commute to and from work consistent with 5 the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) law and the needs of the college community. 6 7 The Employer and the Union recognize the value of compressed workweeks, 8 22.2 flextime arrangements and telecommuting/telework. 9 10 Employees will continue to be eligible to park in designated college parking areas 11 22.3 in accordance with Employer policies. The Employer may establish and charge 12 parking fees, assess fines for violations of motor vehicle and parking regulations, 13 order the removal of vehicles parked in violation of regulations at the expense of 14 the violator, and seek collection of any unpaid fines. 15 16 17 18 For Union: For Employer: 19 20 21 22 Date: 23 Date: 6/14/06

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ARTICLE 23 1 2 LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION 3. 4 The Employer will continue its current practices related to licensure and 23.1 5 certification. 6 7 23.2 **Conditions of Employment** 8 When a license and/or certification is required as a part of the qualifications for a 9 position prior to the appointment of an employee into the affected position, the employee will be responsible for the initial cost of the license and/or certification. 10 11 Thereafter, the employee will be responsible for maintaining the license and/or 12 certification and for all renewal costs. 13 14 23.3 **Outside Entity Requirements** 15 When an outside entity, e.g. by state regulation or local ordinance, requires a new 16 license and/or certification following the appointment of the employee into the 17 affected position, the Employer will reimburse the employee for the initial cost of 18 the new license and/or certification. Thereafter, the employee will be responsible 19 for maintaining the license and/or certification and for all renewal costs. 20 21 **Employer Convenience** 23.4 22 When a license and/or certification is not required by an outside entity and the 23 Employer, for its own convenience, requires a new license and/or certification 24 following appointment of the employee into the affected position, the Employer 25 will reimburse the employee for the initial cost of the new license and/or 26 certification. Thereafter, the Employer will continue to pay for maintaining the

license and/or certification and for all renewal costs.

August 23, 2006 Page 2 of 2 1 23.5 Employees will notify their appointing authority or designee if their work-related 2 license and/or certification has expired, or has been restricted, revoked or 3 suspended within twenty-four (24) hours of expiration, restriction, revocation or suspension, or prior to their next scheduled shift, whichever occurs first. 5 For Employer: 6 For Union: 7 Evely Gershu Date 8/23/06 8 9 Date 10

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ARTICLE 24 1 **VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENT WORKERS** 2 3 The Employer will utilize volunteers and student workers only to the extent they 4 supplement and do not supplant bargaining unit employees. Volunteers and student 5 workers will not supervise bargaining unit employees. 6 7 For Employer: 8 For Union: 9 10 Date 11 12 13

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ARTICLE 25 1 RESIGNATION AND ABANDONMENT 2 3 4 25.1 **Voluntary Resignation** 5 The Employer may permit an employee to withdraw his or her resignation at any 6 time prior to the effective date. 7 8 25.2 Unauthorized Absence/Abandonment 9 When an employee has been absent without authorized leave and has failed to 10 contact the Employer for a period of three (3) consecutive days, the employee is 11 presumed to have resigned from his or her position. The Employer will make 12 reasonable attempts to contact the employee to determine the cause of the 13 absence. Such reasonable attempts will include calling the employee at his or her 14 contact phone number and any emergency contacts on file with the Employer. 15 16 25.3 Notice of Separation 17 When an employee's resignation is presumed in accordance with Section 25.2 18 above, the Employer will separate the employee by sending a separation notice to 19 the employee by certified mail to the last known address of the employee. Such 20 notice will include information regarding eligibility for continuation of medical 21 benefits. 22 23 25.4 **Petition for Reinstatement** 24 An employee who has received a separation notice in accordance with Section 25 25.3, above, may petition the Employer in writing to consider reinstatement. The 26 employee must provide proof that the absence was involuntary or unavoidable. 27 The petition must be received by the Employer or postmarked within seven (7)

calendar days after the separation notice was deposited in the United States mail.

Tentative Agreement July 26, 2006 Page 2 of 2 1 2 Grievability 25.5 3 Denial of a petition for reinstatement is grievable. The grievance may not be based on information other than that shared with the Employer at the time of the 4 petition for reinstatement. 5 6 7 For Employer: For Union: 8 9 10 11 Date Date 12

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ARTICLE 26 1 PRIVACY AND OFF-DUTY CONDUCT 2 3 26.1 Employees have the right to confidentiality related to personal information and personnel issues to the extent provided/allowed by law. The Employer, the Union 5 and the employees will take appropriate steps to maintain such confidentiality. б 7 8 The off-duty activities of an employee may be grounds for disciplinary action if 26.2 9 said activities are a conflict of interest as set forth in RCW 42.52, are detrimental to 10 the employee's work performance or the program of the institution, or otherwise 11 constitutes just cause. Employees will report all arrests and any court-imposed 12 sanctions or conditions that affect their ability to perform assigned duties to their 13 Human Resources Office appointing authority within twenty-four (24) hours or prior 14 to their scheduled work shift, whichever occurs first. 15 16 17 For Union: For Employer: 18 Evely 4 Hershan

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1		ARTICLE 27
2		DISCIPLINE
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4	27.1	The Employer will not discipline any permanent employee without just cause.
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6	27.2	Discipline includes oral and written reprimands, reductions in pay, suspensions,
7		demotions, and discharges. Oral reprimands will be identified as such.
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9	27.3	When disciplining an employee, the Employer will make a reasonable effort to
10		protect the privacy of the employee.
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12	27.4	The Employer has the authority to conduct investigations.
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14	27.5	A. Upon request, an employee has the right to a union representative at an
15		investigatory interview called by the Employer, if the employee reasonably
16		believes discipline could result. An employee may also have a union
17		representative at a pre-disciplinary meeting. If the requested representative is
18		not reasonably available, the employee will select another representative who
19		is available. An employee seeking representation is responsible for contacting
20		his or her representative.
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22	•	B. The role of the union representative in regard to Employer-initiated
23		investigations is to provide assistance and counsel to the employee and not
24		interfere with the Employer's right to conduct the investigation. Every effort
25		will be made to cooperate in the investigation.
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27	27.6	An employee placed on an alternate assignment during an investigation will not
- 28		be prohibited from contacting his or her union steward unless there is a conflict of
29		interest, in which case the employee may contact another union steward. This
30		does not preclude the Employer from restricting an employee's access to
31		institution or college premises

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33	27.7	Prior to imposing discipline, except oral or written reprimands, the Employer will			
34		inform the employee in writing of the reasons for the contemplated discipline and			
35		an explanation of the evidence. The Employer will provide the Union with a copy.			
36		The employee will be provided an opportunity to respond either at a meeting			
37		scheduled by the Employer, or in writing if the employee prefers. A pre-			
38		disciplinary meeting with the Employer will be considered time worked.			
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40	27.8	The Employer will provide an employee with fifteen (15) calendar days' written			
41		notice prior to the effective date of a reduction in pay or demotion.			
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43	27.9	The Employer has the authority to impose discipline, which is then subject to the			
44		grievance procedure set forth in Article 28. Oral reprimands, however, may be			
45		processed only through the institution or college's top step of the grievance			
46		procedure and cannot be arbitrated.			
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48	27.10	Removal of Documents			
49		A. Written reprimands will be removed from an employee's personnel file after			
50		three (3) years if:			
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52		1. Circumstances do not warrant a longer retention period; and			
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54		2. There has been no subsequent discipline; and			
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56		3. The employee submits a written request for its removal.			
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B. Records of disciplinary actions involving reductions in pay, suspensions or

Circumstances do not warrant a longer retention period; and

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64	2. There has been no subsequent discipline; and
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66	3. The employee submits a written request for its removal.
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68	C. Nothing in this Section will prevent the Employer from agreeing to an earlier
69	removal date, unless to do so would violate RCW 41.06.450.
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1			ARTICLE 28		
2			GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE		
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4	28.1	The I	Union and the Employer agree that it is in their best interest to resolve		
5		dispu	tes at the earliest opportunity and at the lowest level. Whenever possible,		
6		disputes should be resolved informally prior to filing a formal written grievance.			
7		To that end, all supervisors and employees are encouraged to engage in free and			
8		open	discussions about disputes.		
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10	28.2	Term	s and Requirements		
11		A.	Grievance Definition		
12	-		A grievance is an allegation by an employee or a group of employees that		
13			there has been a violation, misapplication, or misinterpretation of this		
14		,	Agreement, which occurred during the term of this Agreement.		
15			Disciplinary action may be grieved, subject to the provisions of Section		
16			27.9 of Article 27, Discipline. The term "grievant" as used in this Article		
17			includes the term "grievants."		
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19		В.	Filing a Grievance		
20			Grievances may be filed by the Union on behalf of an employee or on		
21			behalf of a group of employees. The grievance will state the name of the		
22			employee or the names of the group of employees. The Union, as		
23			exclusive representative, is considered the only representative of the		
24			employee in grievance matters and has the right in a grievance to		
25			designate the person who will represent the employee on behalf of the		
26			Union.		
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28		C.	Computation of Time		
29			Days are calendar days, and will be counted by excluding the first day and		
30		•	including the last day of timelines. When the last day falls on a Saturday,		

Sunday or holiday, the last day will be the next day which is not a

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1	· ·	Saturday, Sunday or holiday. Transmittal of grievances, appeals and		
2	٠	responses will be in writing, and timelines will apply to the date of receipt,		
3		not the date of postmarking.		
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5	D.	Failure to Meet Timelines		
6		The time limits in this Article must be strictly adhered to unless mutually		
7 ·		modified in writing. Failure by the Union to comply with the timelines		
8	•	will result in the automatic withdrawal of the grievance. Failure by the		
9		Employer to comply with the timelines will entitle the Union to move the		
10		grievance to the next step of the procedure.		
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12	Ε.	Contents		
13		The written grievance must include the following information or it will not		
14		be processed:		
15		1. The date of the occurrence giving rise to the grievance or the date		
16		the grievant knew or could reasonably have known of the		
17		occurrence;		
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19		2. The nature of the grievance;		
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21		3. The facts upon which it is based;		
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23		4. The specific article and section of the Agreement violated;		
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25		5. The specific remedy requested;		
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27		6. The steps taken to informally resolve the grievance; and		
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29	•	7. The name and signature of the Union representative.		
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31	F.	Modifications		

August 2, 2006 Page 3 of 10 1 No newly alleged violations may be made after the initial written 2 grievance is filed, except by written mutual agreement. 3 4 G. Resolution 5 If the Employer provides the requested remedy or a mutually agreed-upon 6 alternative, the grievance will be considered resolved and may not be 7 moved to the next step. 8 9 H. Withdrawal 10 A grievance may be withdrawn at any time. 11 I. 12 Resubmission 13 If terminated, resolved or withdrawn, a grievance cannot be resubmitted. 14 J. 15 Pay Pay 16 Paid release time will be provided to employees, grievants and union 17 stewards in accordance with Article 38, Union Activities; 18 19 K. **Group Grievances** 20 No more than five (5) grievants will be permitted to attend grievance 21 meetings. 22 23 L. Consolidation 24 Grievances arising out of the same set of facts may be consolidated by 25 written agreement. 26 27 M. **Bypass** 28 Any of the steps in this procedure may be bypassed with mutual written 29 consent of the parties involved at the time the bypass is sought. 30 31 N. Discipline

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Disciplinary grievances will be initiated at the level at which the disputed action was taken.

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### O. <u>Grievance Files</u>

Written grievances and responses will be maintained separately from the employee's personnel file.

# 28.3 Filing and Processing

## A. Filing

A grievance must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days of the occurrence giving rise to the grievance, or the date the grievant knew or could reasonably have known of the occurrence. Grievances at The Evergreen State College must be filed within fifty-six (56) days of the occurrence giving rise to the grievance, or the date the grievant knew or could reasonably have known of the occurrence.

The twenty-eight (28) or fifty-six (56) day periods above should be used to attempt to informally resolve the dispute. The union steward or staff representative will indicate when a discussion with the Employer is an attempt to informally resolve a dispute.

### B. Alternative Resolution Methods

Any time during the grievance process, by mutual consent, the parties may use alternative methods to resolve the dispute. If the parties agree to use alternative methods, the time frames in this Article are suspended. If the selected alternative method does not result in a resolution, the Union may return to the grievance process and the time frames resume. Any expenses and fees of alternative methods will be shared equally by the parties.

### C. Processing

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> The Union and the Employer agree that in-person meetings are preferred at all steps of the grievance process and will make efforts to schedule inperson meetings, if possible.

### Step 1: Supervisor, Manager or Designee

If the issue is not resolved informally, the Union may file a written grievance to the supervisor or designee, with a copy to the Human Resources Office, within the twenty-eight (28) or fifty-six (56) day periods described in 28.3 A. The Employer will designate a supervisor, manager or designee who will meet in person or confer by telephone with a union steward or staff representative and the grievant within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the grievance, and will respond in writing to the Union within fourteen (14) days after the meeting.

### **Step 2: Human Resources Office Designee**

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 1, the Union may move it to Step 2 by filing the written grievance, including a copy of the Step 1 decision, with the Human Resources Office within fourteen (14) days of the Union's receipt of the Step 1 decision. The Human Resources Office will designate who will hear the grievance at Step 2. The designee will meet in person or confer by telephone with a union steward or staff representative and the grievant within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the appeal, and will respond in writing to the Union within fourteen (14) days after the meeting.

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### Step 3: President/Chancellor or Designee

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, the Union may move it to Step 3 by filing the written grievance, including a copy of all previous responses, with the President/Chancellor, with a copy to the Human Resources Office, within fourteen (14) days of the Union's receipt of the Step 2 decision. The President/Chancellor or designee will meet in person or

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confer by telephone with a union steward or staff representative and the grievant within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the appeal, and will respond in writing to the Union within fourteen (14) days after the meeting.

**Note:** The Evergreen State College will have a 2-step grievance process. The supervisor, manager or designee will hear Step 1 grievances, and the appropriate Vice President or designee will hear Step 2 grievances.

Election of Remedies: Arbitrating a claim under this Article constitutes a waiver of the right to pursue the same claim before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Human Rights Commission, or in a judicial or other forum. Pursuit of a claim before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Human Rights Commission, or in a judicial or other forum constitutes a waiver of the right to pursue the same claim through arbitration under this Article.

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### Step 4: Mediation or Pre-Arbitration Review Meetings (PARM)

**Disciplinary Grievances** 

# If the grievance is not resolved at the final internal step, the Union may file a request for mediation with the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) in accordance with WAC 391-55-020, with a copy to the OFM Labor Relations Office (OFM/LRO) and the college/district's Human Resources Office within thirty (30) days of receipt of the final internal step decision. In addition to all other filling requirements, the request must include a copy of the

28 grievance and all previous responses.

# 30 2. Non-Disciplinary Grievances

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1 If the grievance is not resolved at the final internal step, the 2 Union may request a PARM by filing the written grievance 3 including a copy of all previous responses with the director of the OFM/LRO and the college/district's Human 5 Resources Office within thirty (30) days of receipt of the 6 final internal step decision. Within fifteen (15) days of the 7 receipt of all the required information, the OFM/LRO will 8 either: 9 10 i. Notify the Union in writing that a PARM 11 will be scheduled with the OFM/LRO director or 12 designee, the college/district's Human Resources 13 Office representative, and the Union's staff 14 representative to review and attempt to settle the 15 dispute. 16 17 OR. 18 19 ii. Notify the Union in writing that no PARM 20 will be scheduled. 21 22 Within thirty (30) days of the request, a PARM will be scheduled. The 23 meeting will be conducted at a mutually agreeable time. 24 25 The proceedings of any mediation or PARM will not be reported or 26 recorded in any manner, except for written agreements reached by the 27 parties during the course of the mediation or PARM. Unless they are 28 independently admissible, statements made by or to the mediator, or by or 29 to any party or other participant in the mediation or PARM, may not be: 30 31 1. Later introduced as evidence;

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2	* .	2.	Made known to an arbitrator or hearings examiner at a
3	•		hearing; and/or
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5		3.	Construed for any purpose as an admission against interest.
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7		Step 5: - Ar	bitration
8		If the grievar	nce is not resolved at mediation or a PARM, or the OFM/LRO
9	•	Director or d	designee notifies the Union in writing that no PARM will be
10		scheduled, th	ne Union may file a demand for arbitration. The demand to
11		arbitrate the	e dispute must be filed with the American Arbitration
12		Association	(AAA) within thirty (30) days of the mediation session,
13		PARM or rec	ceipt of the notice that no PARM will be scheduled.
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15	D.	Selecting an	Arbitrator
16		The parties v	will select an arbitrator by mutual agreement or by alternately
17		striking nan	nes supplied by the AAA, and will follow the Labor
18		Arbitration R	tules of the AAA unless they agree otherwise in writing.
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20	E.	Authority of	the Arbitrator
21		1. The a	rbitrator will:
22		. a.	Have no authority to rule contrary to, add to, subtract from,
23			or modify any of the provisions of this Agreement;
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25		<b>b.</b>	Be limited in his or her decision to the grievance issue(s)
26			set forth in the original written grievance unless the parties
27			agree to modify it;
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29		c.	Not make any award that provides an employee with
30			compensation greater than would have resulted had there
31			been no violation of this Agreement;

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2	•		d. Not have the authority to order the Employer to modify
3			staffing levels or to direct staff to work overtime.
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<b>5</b>		2.	The arbitrator will hear arguments on and decide issues of
6			arbitrability before the first day of arbitration at a time convenient
7			for the parties, immediately prior to hearing the case on its merits,
81			or as part of the entire hearing and decision making process. If the
9			issue of arbitrability is argued prior to the first day of arbitration, it
10	•		may be argued in writing or by telephone at the discretion of the
11			arbitrator. Although the decision may be made orally, it will be put
12			in writing and provided to the parties.
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14		3.	The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the
15			Union, the Employer and the grievant.
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17	F.	Arbitr	ation Costs
18		1.	The expenses and fees of the arbitrator, and the cost (if any) of the
19			hearing room(s), will be shared equally by the parties.
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21		2. ,	If the arbitration hearing is postponed or canceled because of one
22			party, that party will bear the cost of the postponement or
23			cancellation. The costs of any mutually agreed upon
24			postponements or cancellations will be shared equally by the
25			parties.
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27		3.	If either party desires a record of the arbitration, a court reporter
28	•		may be used. The requesting party will pay the cost of the court
29			reporter. If that party purchases a transcript, a copy will be
30			provided to the arbitrator free of charge. If the other party desires

Page 10 of 10 a copy of the transcript, it will pay for half of the costs of the fee 1 2 for the court reporter, the original transcript and a copy. 3 4 4. Each party is responsible for the costs of its attorneys, 5 representatives, witnesses, travel expenses, and any fees. Every 6 effort will be made to avoid the presentation of repetitive 7 witnesses. The Union is responsible for paying any travel or per 8 diem expenses for its witnesses, the grievant and the union 9 steward. 10 11 28.4 **Successor Clause** 12 Grievances filed during the term of the 2007 - 2009 agreement will be 13 processed to completion in accordance with the provisions of the 2007 -14 2009 agreement. 15 16 17 For Union: For Employer: 18 19 Date 20 Date 21

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